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SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT

To: Local Child Care Administrative Agencies

Subject: Maximum County Rate Change

Purpose: This memo informs local workers of the county maximum rate change and the effect on current and future authorizations.

Details: Beginning on 10/6/2013, certain counties and tribes will see an increase in their provider maximum reimbursement rates.

The increase is being implemented to bring all county rates to within 25% of the 75th percentile of the 2012 Market Rate Survey. Adjustments will also be made to ensure licensed group rates are at least equal to licensed family rates, and that younger age group rates are at least equal to older age group rates.

All current authorizations will automatically be updated by the system when the rate increase occurs on 10/6/2013.

For retro authorizations created after 10/6/2013 that span this date, two authorizations need to be created. One authorization will need to be created for the time prior to 10/6/2013 with an end date of 10/5/2013 and a second authorization will need to be created for the time period on or after 10/6/2013. The following error message will be displayed if the worker attempts to create one retro authorization spanning 10/6/2013:

The following error has occurred

 **End Date for Alessandra Drummy:** A new maximum county rate change is effective on 10/06/2013. Please change end date to 10/05/2013 and create a second authorization beginning 10/06/2013.

This information is also being distributed in an Administration Memo:
<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/admin/default.htm>
and a Provider Check Stuffer:
<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/wishares/provider/default.htm>.

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Contact: If you have questions about this technical memo, please contact your Child Care Coordinator at the DCF Bureau of Regional Operations (BRO) at http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/regional_operations/pdf/contact_list.pdf